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Charlotte, Vermont.

15.- May, 1886.

My dear friend,

I have to answer your card to Mr. Bradford who is away on his wedding journey.

It was I who sent—the box of plates. I did not have time to accompany them with a letter, and have not found an opportunity to write till this morning.

I have been at home three weeks. I brought back, as you must have found, a few exposed plates; before sending them I wanted to add to them a few exposed at my Cousin Clark's (long promised) and this took some two weeks. So you got no letter from me.

You can appreciate my desire to make no noise about my being at home. I had to write to Cambridge and to Washington.

You were anxious about me, because you did not hear from me. Then you must have written to Chihuahua, though I looked in vain for a letter from you from the time of my arrival there.

This is why I returned so soon;— I found the tablelands of Mexico rainless since last October, and almost no vegetation starting. Last year there were good showers during winter and spring; and here and there I could find enough to repay my toil, not so this year. Then on the tenth day I was attacked with fever more severe than ever before. So I deemed it prudent to come home to recuperate and wait for the midsummer rains.

I am nearly well again. Yesterday I walked twenty miles without fatigue.

so I am planning to return west very soon. Perhaps I shall stop for a month in S. Colorado. Probably I shall go for two weeks to the Mts. of S. Arizona to gather Lily bulbs, - to the Huachucas, I think, this time to find "Conservatory Canna."

Next - it is my desire (strengthened by that of Dr. Gray) to visit the Sacramento Mts., of S.E. New Mexico. Then by August 1st to be in Chihuahua preparing to travel the Sierra Madre, where some rain is sure to fall on the dryest of years.

Before I go back you will kindly show me the results of these last plates.

If either of the views of Rev. Mr. Eaton's garden, etc., comes out good I shall want a dozen photos of it; and if either of those of Rev. Mr. Sutton's grave makes a good negative, I will pay six. The latter was a dear friend of mine, and the former proves a kind one.

of last year's photos Mr. Galy wants  
6 more of his family group before  
his "Tienda Barata". 2 of the silver  
mill and 2 of the ore train.

Not since 1880 have I seen May in  
Vermont. what verdure everywhere,  
and how soft and fragrant the air!

You will need to tell me over again  
about the ferns sent to Mr. Baker.

Now I am safe to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.

I have bought Dr. Palmer's *Christinaea*  
plants. Is this fern rightly named *Nephrolepis*  
*Aschimboriana*? The only other species strange  
to me is *Felaea Semperiana*, which is similar  
to *P. aspera* except that it is smooth.



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